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MACRO MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Centrally Sponsored Programme of Soil Conservation in Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers is being implemented in the State of Maharashtra under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA);
- (b) if so, the allocation of fund for this programme under MMA to the State of Maharashtra during last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the allocation for this purpose is declining;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government of Maharashtra demanded additional fund for this programme under MMA during current year; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government of Maharashtra to meet the additional demand of fund under MMA for this programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): Centrally Sponsored Programme of Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR) is being implemented through Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) from November 2000 onwards in the country, including Maharashtra. After introduction of MMA, the State Governments allocate funds for different programmes/schemes covered under MMA, including RVP & FPR, within the total allocation under MMA.

During last 4 years (2000-01 to 2003-04), the State Agriculture Department of Maharashtra has allocated an amount of Rs.34.00 crore to RVP & FPR programme as per details given below:

(Amount Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation Under MMA#	Allocation for RVP & FPR Programme
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2000-01	100.00	9.70
2001-02	90.00	8.30
2002-03	82.00	9.00
2003-04	80.00	7.00
Total	352.00	34.00

= MMA was introduced in November 2000.

An amount of Rs.82.00 crore has been allocated to the Maharashtra State under MMA, during 2004-05, out of which, the amount allocated by State Agriculture Department to RVP & FPR programme is Rs. 7.00 crore.

(e) & (f): During the current year, the State Government of Maharashtra has sought additional funds for RVP & FPR programme under MMA. Due to budgetary constraint, it has not been possible to meet this additional demand of funds.